



St Benedict's Centre Newsletter

March 2022

As the season of Lent is almost upon us, the events taking place at St Benedict's are bound to help you get into the spirit of this season of reflection and spiritual preparation leading up to the joy of Easter.

If you missed out on a place on our Ministry of Administration course on the 16th March, which is now fully booked, you will be pleased to find that we are repeating this course for church administrators on 6th April.

We look forward to welcoming you at one or more of these events in the near future. Please do share this newsletter with your friends and churches. The events can also be found on our website programme page: <https://stbenedictscentre.org/programme/>

Forthcoming events at the Centre

Weekly Wednesday Eucharist

Join us in the Pilgrim Chapel for a Eucharist held every Wednesday 12.15 – 12.45pm. No need to book.

The Art and Soul of Lent

Tuesday 1st March; coffee from 9:30 for 10am – 3pm



A Lent quiet day led by Rev David Guest, vicar of Otford.

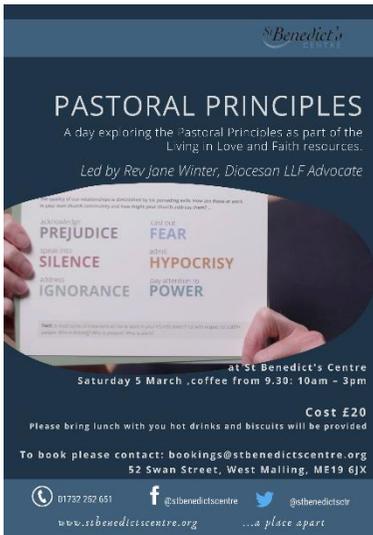
During this quiet day, paintings will be used as a focus for reflection and challenge at the start of lent.

Cost £20 including hot drinks, biscuits and pancakes.

To book please contact bookings@stbenedictscentre.org

Pastoral Principles

Saturday 5th March; coffee from 9.30, 10am – 3pm



A day exploring the Pastoral Principles as part of the Living in Love and Faith resources, led by Rev Jane Winter.

How can we learn to relate better to one another across the differences and diversity that we find in our church communities?

This five-session course encourages us to find creative ways to grow and learn together in the love of God.

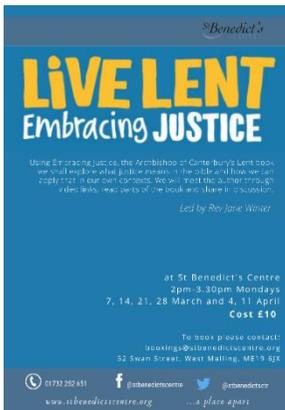
The day will cover all the sessions, giving us plenty to take away and think about.

Cost £20 including hot drinks, biscuits.

To book please contact bookings@stbenedictscentre.org

Live Lent: Monday afternoons in Lent

7th March 2-3.30pm



Join us as we use the Archbishop's Lent book 'Embracing Justice' to find ways to practice justice in our churches and communities.

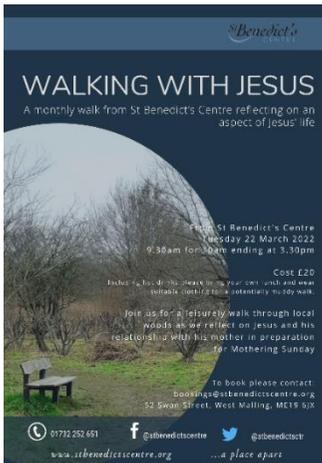
Six weekly afternoon sessions starting at 2pm: March 7th 14th, 21st, 28th, April 4th and 11th

Cost for the course £10.

To book please contact bookings@stbenedictscentre.org

Walking with Jesus

Tuesday 22nd March; 9.30 for a 10am start – 12/3.30pm.



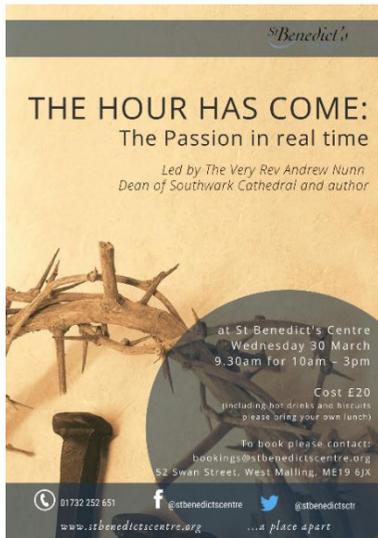
Join us on our next leisurely local walk where this time we reflect on Jesus and his relationship with his mother in preparation for Mothering Sunday. We aim to be back by noon, and conclude with an act of worship in the Pilgrim chapel at 3pm.

Cost for the day is £20 including hot drinks.

To book please contact bookings@stbenedictscentre.org

The Hour Has Come: The Passion in real time

Wednesday 30th March; 9.30am for 10am – 3pm



A quiet day focusing on the final days of Jesus' life.

The gospel accounts tell of the dramatic events as they unfolded in a manner reminiscent of our modern-day 24-hour news channels, with constant updates and precise timings.

Through scripture passages, reflection and prayer, this day will immerse us in the pace and urgency of that

story, bringing alive the experiences of Jesus, his disciples and all the other players in the Passion.

Led by The Very Rev'd Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark Cathedral and author of the book, *The Hour is Come*: which was published last November by SPCK.

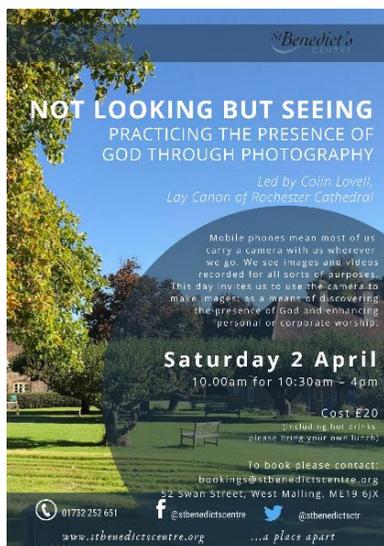
Cost £20, including refreshments. Please bring your own lunch.

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Coming up in April

Not looking but seeing

Saturday 2nd April; 10am for 10.30-4pm



Led by Colin Lovell, Lay Canon of Rochester Cathedral.

Mobile phones mean most of us carry a camera with us wherever we go. We see images and videos recorded for all sorts of purposes. This day invites us to use the camera to make images as a means of discovering the presence of God and enhancing personal or corporate worship.

corporate worship.

Parts of the day may be spent in West Malling and the grounds of St Benedict's Centre, so bring suitable footwear. Please also bring your own camera (a mobile phone camera is fine or a more sophisticated camera if that is what you use).

Cost for the day is £20, including hot drinks. Please bring your own lunch.

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Ministry of Administration

Wednesday 6th April; coffee from 10am for 10:15am-3pm.



Another opportunity for Church Administrators to attend this course, intended to encourage, support and equip them for this ministry. Led by Ven Andy Wooding-Jones.

Cost £20 including refreshments, bring your own lunch.

To book: bookings@stbenedictscentre.org

Living in Love and Faith Creative Day

Saturday 9th April; 9.30 for 10am - 3.30pm



A day to engage with the Living in Love and Faith course and to respond creatively, led by Rev Jane Winter, Diocesan LLF Advocate.

Cost £10 per person including refreshments. Please bring your own lunch. Spaces are limited.

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Day Guests



Our 10 quiet study rooms offer the space to rest and reflect in solitude at the Centre.

You can book one of these rooms for £12.

This includes hot drinks, the use of the beautiful grounds and the opportunity for private prayer in the pilgrim chapel and of joining the Sisters in their offices.

Your booking can be changed or cancelled at short notice if need be, at no cost.

Did you know we offer gift vouchers for individual quiet days – the perfect gift for someone in ministry.

To book your day of rest and retreat, or to purchase a voucher contact: bookings@stbenedictscentre.org.

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